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**MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE
WEBER RIVER DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM
JANUARY 16, 2008, 1:00 P.M.
LAYTON, UTAH**

The annual meeting of the Weber River Distribution System convened at Weber Basin Water Conservancy District headquarters, 2837 East Highway 193, Layton, Utah, at 1:00 p.m., on Wednesday, January 16, 2008.

Present:

Lee Sim, State Division of Water Rights
Ross Hansen, State Division of Water Rights

E. Blaine Johnson, Weber River Distribution System
Jim Wells, Weber River Distribution System

D. A. Osguthorpe, Weber River Water Rights Committee
Tage Flint, Weber River Water Rights Committee
Dennis Marchant, Weber River Water Rights Committee
Pete Page, Weber River Water Rights Committee
Scott Paxman, Weber River Water Rights Committee
Ivan Ray, Weber River Water Rights Committee
Ed Sorenson, Weber River Water Rights Committee
Keith Steed, Weber River Water Rights Committee
Dee Waldron, Weber River Water Rights Committee
Dennis Wright, Weber River Water Rights Committee
Sherrie Mobley, Weber River Water Rights Committee

Jeff Budge, Provo River Water Users Association
Keith Denos, Provo River Water Users Association
Roy Jewks, Pacificorp

I

HEARING THE 2007 MINUTES

The meeting was called to order by Chairman D.A. Osguthorpe of the Weber River Water Rights Committee. The minutes of January 17, 2007 were read by Sherrie Mobley. Lee Sim noted two necessary changes needed on page three. The minutes used the word "hire" but "appoint" should have been used instead. There were no other changes or corrections.

Motion was made by Dennis Marchant, seconded by Keith Steed and passed, approving the minutes of the annual meeting of the Weber River Distribution System held January 17, 2007, with the changes noted.

II HEARING THE 2007 COMMISSIONERS REPORT

Chairman Osguthorpe requested that E. Blaine Johnson, Weber River Commissioner, present his annual report to the members of the Committee. Commissioner Johnson stated 2008 will be his final year as Commissioner, after a career of 47 years. He then extended appreciation for his five deputies: Alene Marchant, David Wright, Erma Carter, Stan Anderson and Terry Murphy. He said he was fortunate to have such dedicated deputies and also appreciated the deputies who preceded the present deputies.

Commissioner Johnson stated he has seen many changes throughout his extended career. He said the Weber River Distribution System annual report has increased from 150 pages to 188 pages. He said there was only one year that Echo Reservoir did not fill to full credit, which was in 1977. Commissioner Johnson informed that he clearly remembers the years 1983 and 1984 for the extreme flooding that occurred.

Commissioner Johnson reported in 2007 we experienced a sub-normal year where we did not have to make flood control releases. He then gave the following data:

March 19	Echo Reservoir declared full
May 11	Began Pineview exchange
May 23	Weber Basin began using storage
May 26	Started sending Echo stock water to Provo River
June 4	Weber Provo Canal shut off
June 13	Cut from flood to high
June 18	Cut to low except 25 day rights
June 24	Cut all rights to low and 1890 rights off
June 28	Cut 1882 rights off
June 29	Started pumping Willard
July 3	Cut 1875 rights off
July 11	Cut 1870 rights off
Aug 7	Put 1875 rights on
Aug 10	Put 1880 rights on
Aug 30	Cut 1870 rights off
Sept 10	Put 1880 rights on
Sept 27	Put 1881 rights on

Commissioner Johnson then updated the Committee on reservoir storage levels and other reservoir details.

After discussion ceased, motion was made by Pete Page, seconded by Ed Sorenson and passed, approving Commissioner Johnson's 2007 Annual Report.

III
REVIEWING ANY CONCERNS OR COMMENTS RELATED TO THE
COMMISSIONER'S WORK FOR 2007

Lee Sim reported the commissioner's term does not expire this year, so no action is necessary. He said this item allows the opportunity for committee members to express any concerns with the commissioner's performance.

Chairman Osguthorpe reported we are very fortunate to have Commissioner Johnson and appreciate all he has done. He said we are also very pleased to have hired Jim Wells as our new Commissioner. Chairman Osguthorpe reported Jim Wells will train throughout the year with Commissioner Johnson.

IV
REPORT FROM THE DIVISION OF WATER RIGHTS

Lee Sim updated the committee members on the State Engineer's enforcement program which has been ongoing for two years. He said in the past they could not guarantee referrals would be kept anonymous, but it has now been determined that informants will not be identified.

Jim Wells provided an update on work being done relative to Snyderville Basin issues. He said while he was employed with the Division of Water Rights, much effort was made toward these issues. He then identified the project in detail and the areas where much focus was given.

V
HEARING THE 2007 FINANCIAL REPORT

Lee Sim presented the 2007 financial report in detail. He made particular note to any items over budget. Lee then answered questions from the committee members.

When all questions were answered, motion was made by Dennis Wright, seconded by Ivan Ray ~~and~~ and passed, adopting the 2007 Financial Report as presented.

VI
REVIEWING DELINQUENT ASSESSMENT ACCOUNTS

Lee Sim reviewed the delinquent assessments. He stated the delinquencies amount to \$2,485.31 which is an increase of about \$1,300.00 over last year. He stated they are trying to stay on top of the delinquencies and will continue to work on them.

**VII
PREPARING A BUDGET OF SALARIES
AND OTHER NECESSARY EXPENSES**

Chairman Osguthorpe asked Sherrie Mobley to present the Proposed Budget for 2008. Sherrie explained the proposed budget for 2008 reflects the following changes:

- 1) A 2.5% cost-of-living adjustment for the Commissioner and all deputies.
- 2) Merit raise of \$600.00 for Park City deputy.
- 3) Participation in the stream gauging programs at \$3,625 per unit for a total of \$7,250 for the two units.
- 4) Increase annual report expense by \$100 on the Weber portion and \$50 on the Park City portion.
- 5) Delete item 1-C (Subsistence) which is currently at \$204.00.
- 6) An additional salary for the new River Commissioner and associated expenses.
- 7) Auto expense for new River Commissioner.
- 8) Telephone expenses of \$1,200 for new River Commissioner (home, cell, and internet charge).

She stated the budget is considerably higher than last year since it includes salaries for two river commissioners. She said the Committee would like to use \$46,000 of its reserves in the State's Trust Fund and plans to use about \$30,000 of its own reserves to cover budget expenses. Rather than requesting the \$23,000 Committee budget, Lee Sim suggested the Committee not request their 2008 budget. He said these funds will then remain in the trust fund, and the Committee may not need to remit the \$30,000 mentioned above.

After discussion ceased, motion was made by Tage Flint, seconded by Keith Steed and passed, accepting the 2008 Budget as presented.

**VIII
SETTING THE DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM ASSESSMENT**

Motion was made by Tage Flint, seconded by Keith Steed and passed, accepting the 2008 Budget as presented, as to form, and accepting the State's administration assessment.

**IX
SELECTING NEW DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM CHAIRMAN
AND COMMITTEE MEMBERS IF NECESSARY**

Sherrie Mobley reported at an earlier meeting, all committee members whose terms expired in 2008 were appointed to another three year term. He said the same officers who served in 2007 were elected for 2008, and the executive committee includes all members of the committee.

**X
OTHER BUSINESS**

Keith Denos, from Provo River Water Users Association, stated Provo River Water Users Association is a large user on the Weber River, but is not represented on the Weber River Water Rights Committee. He requested consideration of their representation on the Committee. Discussion followed. Dennis Marchant referred to the Committee's bylaws and its reference to representation on the Committee.

Lee Sim reported the administrative rules state the State Engineer will set up a distribution committee for the river system. He said the Weber River Water Rights Committee has been used as the distribution committee in the past. Lee said as time permits there are plans to review the committees and their representation.

**XI
ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before the meeting, the same was adjourned at 2:20 p.m.

/s/ Sherrie Mobley, Secretary